

Newsletter

Issue 6

9 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had another really successful week in school, with lots to celebrate.

On Monday and Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome **Animate Puppet Workshop**, who worked with children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It was amazing to see simple, flat pieces of paper transformed into wonderfully realistic

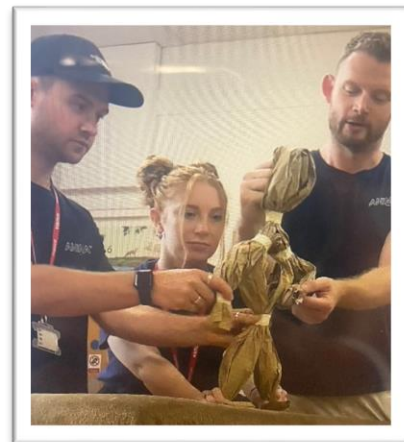
puppets, brought to life by teams of three children. The workshops required creativity, concentration and, above all, teamwork, and the children did brilliantly. We were especially proud to hear how impressed the workshop leaders were with their enthusiasm, politeness and behaviour.

We've also had two football matches this week. Our teams continue to grow in confidence and strength, and although they faced some very tough opposition and skilled players, they pulled together, supported one another and worked hard as a team. There is lots to build on, and we are excited to see how they develop over the coming season.

On Thursday, we welcomed a group of fellow headteachers to school. It was lovely to hear their positive comments about how **calm and purposeful every classroom felt** and the warm atmosphere across the school. They particularly enjoyed hearing the children talk so enthusiastically about their learning and about the school they are clearly very proud to be part of. I was incredibly proud too!

Our outdoor learning has continued to flourish, with another great week in **Forest School and our Edible Playground**. It is lovely to see the children enjoying gardening, exploring the outdoors and taking such pride in our school environment.

Looking ahead to next week, we have **Parents' Evenings**, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school and sharing how your children are getting on. Year 2 also have an exciting trip to the theatre as part of our **Play to the Crowd** partnership, which I'm sure will be a wonderful experience.



It was lovely to recognise the children in assembly today who, throughout the week, have caught the eye of the adults in school for being Ready Respectful and Safe.

Date	Friday 9 October 2026
 Butterflies Stevie, Leo and Avery! You are always sat so beautifully on the carpet, showing us you are looking, listening and ready to learn. Well done!	
 Ladybirds Well done, Gus and Andrea! They are always very kind and helpful. This week, they helped other Ladybirds sound out words to write sentences about their favourite part of The Three Little Pigs. They are always positive and ready to learn! And well done to Tommy-Lee , who has had a very positive attitude to his learning this week. He has been sitting beautifully on the carpet and making good choices.	
 Bumblebees Adam has really impressed us this week with his fantastic maths work. He has been counting in 2s and 5s and has been working hard on completing tasks independently. Willow has wowed us all with her incredible writing. She remembered her full stops and capital letters and has used some impressive adjectives to describe the lion and the mouse. Well done to Wren for working really hard on working independently and for using strategies to help herself when she finds something tricky.	
 Hares Oliver M, Ben and Felix this week have gone the extra mile. These boys have shown excellent listening, thoughtful contributions to class discussions and willingness to support their peers when learning gets tricky. You have shown fantastic teamwork, kindness and respect. Keep it up!	
 Foxes Well done Isla B, Finley A and Andi! These three showed fantastic teamwork during our puppet show workshop. You listened respectfully to our visitors, followed instructions beautifully and got stuck into making your puppet dance, ready to perform. Well done!	
 Hérons Well done to Lucy and Oscar! Their perseverance and positive attitude towards maths have helped them make fantastic progress. They have also developed their understanding of exchanging in column addition and subtraction and have been supporting their classmates by working through similar questions and clearly explaining their methods. They should be very proud of both their progress and the way they are helping others to succeed!	
 Kingfishers Congratulations to Millie and Sameen for their outstanding enthusiasm and excellent cooperation during the Animate Puppet Theatre workshop. They participated with great energy, worked brilliantly with others, and contributed positively throughout the session. Well done to both of you!	



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Arthur R – Ladybirds, Ebi P – Ladybirds, George I – Bumblebees, Annabelle Mc - Herons

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	244	287	358	311
Leaderboard	3rd	2nd	2nd	1st

Change of Menu

There will be a slight change of menu for next **Tuesday 13 October**. The Red choice will be Chicken Goujons in a bun **not** Beef Burger in a bun – the green option remains the same Beany Vegetable Burger and the third option is Tomato Pasta. This is due to an issue with deliveries.



FOBS - PTA Update - PTA News: Cakes, Dancing and Festive Crafts!

Get your bake on!

Our bake sale will take place during Parents' Evenings on **13th and 14th October**, and we'd love your cake donations. Homemade treats and shop-bought goodies are equally welcome! Every donation helps, with **100% of the profits supporting activities and resources that benefit the children**.

Time to dance!

The school disco is on **Wednesday 4th November**, with **KS1 at 3.30pm** and **KS2 at 4.30pm**. More details will follow soon!

Get into the festive spirit!

Join us for the PTA's **Wreath Making Workshop on Friday 11th December**. Enjoy some festive crafting and create your own wreath. [Book now to secure your place](#).

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA so far. Whether you donate, volunteer or come along to an event, your support makes a real difference to the children.

Southampton Football Club offer

Free tickets to see Saints take on Juventus at St Mary's!

Southampton FC are offering free tickets for adults and children to watch Saints U21s take on Juventus U21s at St Mary's Stadium.

 **17** Tuesday 20 October  Kick-off 7pm  **FREE** for adults and kids when claimed in advance through the provided link

It's a relaxed, family-friendly game, and the perfect first visit to St Mary's. It's also a great chance to watch Southampton take on one of Europe's biggest clubs.

Arrive early for a free signing session with Matsuki & Peretz in the Stadium Store from 4pm to 5:30pm (match ticket required; players subject to change).

Claim your free tickets here: [Seat selection on map \[Southampton | 20.10.2026 - 19:00 | Under-21 Premier League International Cup\] - Southampton FC](#)

Thank you all for your continued support and hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully



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Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#) [Just Nursery Dates in Green](#)

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊 Just click here: [School Calendar](#)

Parents Evenings	Tuesday 13 th October 3-6pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 14 th October 2:30 – 5:30pm
Pumpkin Trail 3.30pm	Monday 19 October 2026
Year 5 trip to Ferny Crofts	Wednesday – Friday 21 – 23 October 2026
End of Autumn 1	Friday 23 rd October
Start of Autumn 2	Monday 2 nd November
Autumn Disco	Wednesday 4 November 2026
Flu Vaccines	Thursday 5 November 2026
Year 6 trip to Calshot	Tuesday – Friday – 10 – 13 November
School Photographer – Individual photos	Thursday 19 November 2026
MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop	Tuesday 1 December 2026 – 10.30am
Wreath Making Workshop	Friday 11 December 2026
INSET DAY	Friday 12 February 2027
INSET DAY	Friday 25 June 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 28 June 2027